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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Aſſembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY.

WITH

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Die Jovis, 3 *Februarii*, 1736.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Published.

W.m Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

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The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Martis, 1 Februarii, 1736.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach Your Throne with Hearts full of that Zeal and Affection for Your Person and Government, which become the most faithful Subjects to the best of Kings.

Our Duty and Gratitude to Your Majesty have, on many Occasions of this Nature, called upon us to lay at Your Royal Feet our thankful Acknowledgements for preserving to Your own Subjects the Blessings of Peace; and the additional Motive of our unfeigned Regard to the common Interests of *Europe*, in which it is impossible for this Nation to be unconcerned, makes us now receive, with great Satisfaction, Your gracious Communication, That the Re-establishment of the general Tranquillity is far advanced.

How happy and secure soever Your Majesty's Wisdom, under the Protection of the Divine Providence, may render these Kingdoms; it was impossible for us to remain wholly unaffected with the Miseries of War, suffered by other Parts of Christendom; and we cannot but rejoice in the pleasing Hopes, that all Dangers and Apprehensions of New Troubles may be happily removed.

At the same Time, we esteem it a fresh Instance of Your Majesty's never-failing Care of the publick Welfare, that You put us in Mind to be attentive to the final Conclusion of this great Work. As Your Majesty hath, on Your Part, distinguished Your paternal Tenderness for Your People, in not permitting them to be hastily involved in the Calamities of War; it would be the most unbecoming Return for so great a Benefit, to shew any Signs of an indolent Security: And we beseech Your Majesty to accept the strongest and most affectionate Assurances, that we can never entertain

tain the leaſt Thought of leaving our ſelves in a defenceleſs Condition; but that we will always chearfully concur in all ſuch Meaſures, as ſhall be neceſſary to maintain the Honour and Safety of Your Majeſty and Your Government, and the true Intereſt of Your Kingdoms.

The gracious Approbation which Your Majeſty is pleaſed to give of the Conduct of this Parliament, affords us great Comfort and Encouragement; and Your vigilant Care to execute the Laws with Juſtice and Impartiality, and to protect the Rights and Properties of all Your Subjects, fills our Minds with the moſt laſting Impreſſions of Thankfulneſs. Under this deep Senſe of our Obligations to Your Majeſty, we cannot ſufficiently expreſs our Deteſtation of thoſe inſolent Riots and Tumults, which have of late appeared, in different Parts of the Kingdom, in Defiance of the Law, and Violation of the publick Peace. Every Part of the Behaviour of theſe daring Offenders appears to us as weak and unreaſonable, as it is wicked; except that they have conſidered the Intereſts and Views of Your Majeſty and Your Parliament, as being ſo cloſely united, that it was impoſſible to traduce or oppoſe the one, without including the other. Our Duty, as well as our Safety, makes it incumbent upon us to give another Mark of this happy Union, by teſtifying our humble Concurrence in Your Majeſty's juſt Opinion, that ſuch audacious Practices ought to be timely ſuppreſſed: And, as we do, with the firmeſt Confidence, rely on Your Majeſty's Authority being prudently and vigorouſly exerted for this neceſſary End; ſo we aſſure Your Majeſty, with the greateſt Sincerity, that our Endeavours and Aſſiſtance ſhall never be wanting to ſupport that Authority, and to preſerve the Quiet and Security of the Nation.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Addreſs.

The Affection you ſhew to My Perſon and Government gives Me the greateſt Satisfaction.

My principal Care is to ſecure to My People the Bleſſings of Peace, and the full and undiſturbed Enjoyment of all their Civil and Religious Rights; and to preſerve the Tranquillity and good Order of the Kingdom.

The Continuance of the good Harmony between Me and My Parliament will enable Me to purſue with Effect theſe great and deſirable Ends.

FINIS.